

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2991–S3034

Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 567–575. **Page S3025**

Measures Reported:

S. 303, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999. (S. Rept. No. 111–7) **Page S3025**

Measures Passed:

Extend Certain Immigration Programs: Senate passed H.R. 1127, to extend certain immigration programs, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3033**

Congratulating the People of the Republic of Lithuania: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 70, congratulating the people of the Republic of Lithuania on the 1000th anniversary of Lithuania and celebrating the rich history of Lithuania, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S3033–34**

Appointments:

United States Capitol Preservation Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 100–696, appointed Senator Murkowski as a member of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission. **Page S3034**

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the appointment of Terry Birdwhistell, of Kentucky, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Page S3034**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared on March 15, 1995, with respect to Iran; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–12) **Page S3023**

Ogden Nomination: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General. **Pages S2995–S3019**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon on Thursday, March 12, 2009, Senate continue consideration of the nomination pursuant to the order of Tuesday, March 10, 2009; that the vote on confirmation of the nomination occur at 2 p.m.; provided further, that upon confirmation of the nomination, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Thomas John Perrelli, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General; that there be 90 minutes for debate equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Thomas John Perrelli, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General. **Page S3019**

Cloture Motions Withdrawn—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, providing that the cloture motions relative to the nominations of Austan Dean Goolsbee, of Illinois, and Cecilia Elena Rouse, of California, each to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, be withdrawn.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jonathan Z. Cannon, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Richard Rahul Verma, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs).

Esther Brimmer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs).

Philip H. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European and Eurasian Affairs).

Ivo H. Daalder, of Virginia, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Karl Winfrid Eikenberry, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq.

Melanne Verveer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Women's Global Issues.

Ivan K. Fong, of Ohio, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 5:56 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3034.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget re-

quest for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

AL-SHABAAB RECRUITMENT IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine violent Islamist extremism, focusing on al-Shabaab recruitment in the United States, after receiving testimony from Philip Mudd, Associate Executive Assistant Director, National Security Branch, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Andrew Liepman, Deputy Director of Intelligence, National Counterterrorism Center, Directorate of Intelligence; Ken Menkhaus, Davidson College, Davidson, NC; and Abdirahman Mukhtar, Brian Coyle Center of Pillsbury United Communities, and Osman Ahmed, both of Minneapolis, MN.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine voter registration, focusing on assessing current problems, after receiving testimony from Chris Nelson, South Dakota Secretary of State, Pierre; Stephen Ansolabehere, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; Curtis Gans, Center for the Study of the American Electorate, Kristen Clarke, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., and Jonah H. Goldman, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, all of Washington, DC; and Nathaniel Persily, Columbia Law School, New York, NY.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 1426–1453; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 236, were introduced. Pages H3337–38

Additional Cosponsors: Page H3338

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 235, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1262) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds (H. Rept. 111–36). Pages H3329–30

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H3147

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures:

Recognizing and commending the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), and Cornell University: H. Res. 67, to recognize and commend the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), and